(c) whether Government have received several objections against such move; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The profit (+) or loss (−) made by the public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Mines for the year 1991-92 is as under:

Rs./Crores

1.	Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)	(+) Rs. 93.36
2.	Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)	(+) Rs. 54.90
3.	National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)	(+) Rs. 59.14
4.	Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL)	(−) Rs. 9.73
5.	Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML)	(−) Rs. 43.05
6.	Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)	The accounts of the Company for the year 1991-92 have yet to be finalized by the C&AG and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government have so far disinvested their share in the equity of Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) and National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) to the tune of 20% and 2.72% respectively. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) and Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) have also been earmarked for disinvestment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited

3923. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited, a Karnataka State Public Sector unit has scheelite a mineral by-product which is used in making special alloy steels particularly for Defence and other strategic fields;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of this mineral has come down by Rs. 50,000 to 60,000 per tonne making it uneconomic and loss making industry; and

(c) whether Government propose to give a support price for this product as has been given to similar Tungsten products produced in Rajasthan by Rajasthan Tungsten Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Scheelite occurs in small quantities in association with Gold ore in the Mines of Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited, a Karnataka State Public Sector Undertaking. However, the Company does not produce scheelite from such ores as it is not economically viable.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Boosting mineral development

3924. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether dereservation of mineral bearing areas is likely to boost the mineral development and the industries based on minerals;

(b) whether demand to this effect was made repeatedly by the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard and if